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ABSTRACT

Research and development of educational multimedia in Japan started in 1988 with a project sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture in collaboration with the Japan Audiovisual Education Association. This article describes the trends and prospects of the development of multimedia in education and teacher training curriculum for promoting the utilization of multimedia from 1988 to 1996. Discussion includes a background of multimedia technologies; progress of educational policies for multimedia, including a guidebook for multimedia use in primary and lower secondary schools, a report promoting multimedia use and promotion of the Internet in education; the educational meaning, characteristics and development of hypermedia; procedure of developing multimedia material; and teacher training curriculum for developing hypermedia material. (Contains 8 references.) (AEF)

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